GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1578
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
RAIL PROJECTS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new rail lines, doubling, gauge conversion electrification railway bridges foot over bridges platform arrangements, modernization conversion of meter gauge to broad gauge being undertaken/proposed to be undertaken in Kerala;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for each during the current financial year; and

(c) the estimated period of completion of the each project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) T O (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1578 BY SHRI M.P. VEERENDRAKUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09-12-2004 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA.

(a) to (c): The details of ongoing new lines, gauge conversion, doubling and electrification projects falling partly/fully in the State of Kerala along with the estimated cost, outlay provided during 2004-05, expenditure incurred till 31-03-04 and the target, wherever fixed, are as under:-

(Rupees in crores)

Sl No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost	Exp. upto, March 2004	Outlay 2004-05	Status
	NEW LINE				
1.	Tanur(Kuttipuram)-Guruvayur	137.71	6.72	3	Survey work has stopped due to local agitations. The matter is being pursued with the State Government for land acquisition. No land is made available to the Railways.
2.	Angamali-Sabarimala	550	5.40	2	The matter is being pursued with the State Government for land acquisition. No land is made available to the Railways.
3.	Kottayam-Erumeli	200	0.14	2	Survey work has stopped due to local agitations. The matter is being pursued with the State

					Government for land acquisition. No land is made available to the Railways.
	GAUGE CONVERSION				
1.	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Tenkasi-Virudhunagar	462.61	137.70	21.06	Virudhunagar-Tenkasi converted line has been commissioned. On Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Quilon-Punalur section, works are in various stages of progress. Final location survey report on the Ghat section between Sengottai and Punalur is being finalized.
	DOUBLINGS				
1.	Calicut-Mangalore (221 kms)	583.74	502.28	15	Work has been completed except at Naitravati bridge where works are in progress.
2.	Shoranur-Calicut (86 km)	178.23	82.92	30	Land acquisition, earthwork and bridges are in progress. 30 km doubling is targeted for completion during 2003-04.
3.	Ernakulam-Mulanturutti (17.37 km)	53.23	16.70	8	Earthwork, bridgeworks and other works are in progress. The work is likely to be completed by 2005-06.
4	Kayankulam-Mavelikkara (7.89 km)	21.84	3.83	2.34	Land acquisition papers submitted to State Government. Work on major bridge has started.
5	Kayankulam-Cheppad (7.76 km)	21.48	3.34	2	Final location survey completed. Land acquisition papers submitted to State Government.
6	Mavelikkara-Chengannur (12.3 km)	33.65	0	2	New work included in Supplementary Demand for Grants 03-04. Preliminary

					works taken up.
7	Cheppad-Haripad (5.28 km)	14.39	0	2	New work included in Supplementary Demand for Grants 03-04. Preliminary works taken up.
	RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION				
1.	Ernakulam-Trivandrum (320 km)	162.32	106.71	37.92	102 route km has already been electrified upto March 2004 and balance by December, 2005.

A survey for doubling of Trivandrum-Kanniyakumari and updating surveys for doubling of balance section of Kayankulam-Ernakulam via Kottayam/Alleppey and construction of new rail line from Erumeli to Trivandrum via Punalur are in progress. Further consideration of these proposals could be possible once the survey reports become available.

Status of bridges is maintained Railway-wise not State-wise. There are total 354 bridges sanctioned as on 1.4.2004 on Southern Railway which serves the Kerala State also. In the current financial year Rs. 39.21 crores has been allotted in the budget estimate for execution of ongoing works over Southern Railway. Out of 354 bridges, 62 bridges are targeted for completion in the current financial year. Remaining bridges are in the various stages planning and execution and planned to complete upto 2006-07.

Indian Railways have more than 8000 stations. The works of provision of Foot over bridges, platforms arrangements and modernization of stations are taken up as per norms based on actual passenger traffic needs at the station, inter-se priorities and availability of funds. State-wise position is not maintained. Kerala falls in Southern Railway and the details of Foot over Bridge/platform arrangements/modernization of railway stations sanctioned on Southern Railway are included in the "Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme, Part-II" presented to the Parliament along with the Railway Budget Documents.